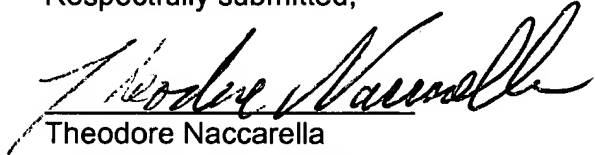


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. The Request for Continued Examination was filed after receipt of the Notice of Allowance but prior to the payment of the issue fee or abandonment of the case.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone call in order to further the prosecution of this case in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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